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Bonus to the mazdoors of the Government Cinchona department.

* 151 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government gave any bonus to the mazdoors of the Government Cinchona department in 1952–53; and

(*b*) if so, what percentage of the earned wage was given as bonus and what was the total amount paid as bonus during 1952–53?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" Is it not a fact that the Government were giving bonus to the mazdoors in the Cinchona department previously? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir. Bonus can be given when there is profit from the Cinchona factory. As a matter of fact, in the year 1947–48, when we made some profits, we gave bonus to the mazdoors calculated at 6¼ per cent of the basic wages earned during that year. Again in 1950–51, we had some profit and we gave bonus calculated at 3 per cent of the basic wages earned during that year. During the years 1951–52 and 1952–53, there has been loss to the factory and, therefore, the question of payment of bonus does not arise. But still, the matter is under consideration. We have called for the remarks of the Commissioner of Labour."

Grant of extension of service to gazetted officers.

* 152 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total number of gazetted officers who were given extension of service after the date of superannuation or re-employed after retirement or resignation in the residuary Madras State since the answer given to Question No. 292, dated 5th December 1952; and

(*b*) the total number of Brahmans and Non-Brahmans among them?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) No officer was granted extension of service in the residuary Madras State during the period. The total number of gazetted officers re-employed is 44.

" (*b*) This Government cannot agree to follow a policy of classification which has been ruled out by the Constitution, although it had been sanctioned by more than two decades of the previous period in Madras State. The number is small enough for the hon. Member to find out for himself by private enquiry. The caste to which a senior officer belonged at